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SUBJECT: GUARANTEES FOR EXPORTS TO SOUTH AFRICA

UPPED DRASTICALLY

1. ACCORDING TO DER SPIEGEL, HERMES GUARANTEES FOR GERMAN EXPORTS TO SOUTH AFRICA DURING THE PAST 18 MONTHS WERE UPPED DRASTICALLY, I.E. , FROM DM 656.5 MILLION TO DM 2,775 MILLION APPARENTLY WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF CABINET MEMBERS. NEWLEY-COVERED PROJECTS REPORTEDLY INCLUDE A COAL LIQUEFOATION PLANT (DM 515 MILLION), AN AUTOMOBILE FACTORY (DM 36 MILLION), MACHINES FOR TWO COAL POWER PLANTS (DM 140 MILLION) AND LOCOMOTIVES (DM 89 MILLION). ACCORDING TO THE AUTHOR, THE DECISIONS TO GRANT EXPORT COVER WERE MADE BY AN INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE STAFFED BY WORKING-LEVEL

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND THE ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AID MINISTRIES.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, WHO WAS QUOTED RECENTLY AS HAVING SAID "WE MUST NO LONGER APPEAR AS A FREIDN OF SOUTH AFRICA" REPORTEDLY ASSERTED THAT NEITHER HE NOR HIS FDP PARTY FRIEND ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICHs KNEW

ABOUT THE MATTER AND ANNOUNCED ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES IN
THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO ENSURE THAT HE WILL BE INFORMED
OF SUCH COMMITMENTS IN THE FUTURE.
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